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UM OBSERVES NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

MISSOULA -

The University of Montana will observe Friday's National Day of Mourning with a half-hour convocation on the Oval during the noon hour.

The President's Office has scheduled the event in memory of the victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

"I urge the entire campus community, as well as the Missoula community, to come together for contemplation and solidarity," Dennison said.

Meanwhile, the Montana Grizzlies-Idaho Vandals football game this Saturday has been postponed, after the Big Sky Conference today extended its moratorium on athletic events through Sunday. UM athletic officials said they will attempt to reschedule the match.

Mourners attending Friday's convocation are invited to gather on the Oval in front of Main Hall beginning at noon. At 12:15 p.m. the UM ROTC Color Guard will present the colors, and Dennison will follow with brief remarks. The Main Hall bells then will toll in

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memory of the many Americans who were injured or lost their lives in this week's tragedy.

A Native American prayer will be delivered at 12:30 p.m., followed by a recital of musical selections on the Main Hall Carillon by UM carillonneur Nancy Cooper, a member of the music faculty.

The ceremony will close at 12:45 p.m. with "Taps" and the removal of the colors from the Oval.

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